New Year 1950

1950 – The Best Yet or
Just Another?

Joel 2:29 "in those days I will
pour out my spirit."

Intro. Context – Joel's Prophecy
Jehovah's visitation
Jehovah's promise of restoration

2 rabbis viewing Jerusalem in ruins.
The one wept. The other burst out laughing
"Why do you laugh?"
"Because, by this very desolation,
which assures us that God is true to
his threatenings, we know that the
same God will be true also to his
promise, and will restore Zion to her
beauty and glory."

As Joel looked ahead & saw, these
God's promise of mercy + redemption, better
days ~~ahead~~ to come, so let us look
upon the days of 1950 to see what
God has in store for us.

The young artist in Pennsylvania
The blank canvas to show the boy's best
work was yet to be done.

2/ Will 1930 be the best year of our lives, or will it be just another year?

1930 is going to be largely just what we make it. What God has in store for us depends upon our own determination, purpose, attitude and conduct.

R. H. Whitney's New Year Vows.

I'll not turn back to past mistakes
And dwell on them again;
But onward press to future tasks
With strength renewed and sane.

No matter what the past has held
The future days are mine;
To plan, to work, to build anew,
With guidance more divine.

A larger life, a deeper faith,
A purer love, a nobler goal
Shall be the aim of my desire
The earnest purpose of my soul.

"He never was so good as he should be who does not strive to be better than he is; he never will be better than he is who does not fear to be worse than he was."

3/ If to make 1930 the best year yet to the we must dedicate ourselves to the best there is.

1. Our better selves.
   a- Better control - of temper, judgment, moods + disposition.
   b- More inclined to learn + study + observe the best things, cutting loose from the domination of lesser + lower things. Newspapers or. the Bible + wholesome reading + brain
   c- More inclined to see the good in others. Less critical + condemnatory.
   d- Kinder towards the unfortunates. ~~Better than telling~~
   ~~- Use that~~

2. Let us make our homes better - More cozy + attractive to its members. More considerate of one another. A place for family worship - atmosphere of companionship with God + one another.

3. Better social + community life. Prove that one does not have to get drunk or cocktails a gamble to have a good time. drink

   Wholesome enjoyments. Pure atmosphere for our boys + girls.

4. Better business methods. Honesty - Co-operation

5. A better national life –
Let's not stand for the politician's
buncum but demand un-
selfish service.
Lets clean up the dirty places.
gangsters.
Liquor
gambling.

6. A saner world.
International spirit of good will &
cooperation.

7. A stronger church of Christ.
away with divisions & sectarianism.
Christ & the Kingdom for all
a greater personal devotion to the work of the church.

II. How can we make 1930 the best yet?

BEGIN WITH THE SKY

There is a famous French painter, whose practice it is to begin his picture with the sky. Beginning in this way he is able to reproduce the colors and aspects of all near objects with an accuracy he could not otherwise command. We are engaged in the task of making life's picture and are anxious that it should be a good picture in color, tone, perspective and character, meriting the "well done" of the Master Artist. Let us begin with the sky—begin the New Year with him, that our service may be creative and fruitful and the future full of promise. For he who is at the beginning will welcome us at the end and meet us at every turn of the road.—Murdoch Mackinnon.

Take God into your everyday life –